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In re Application of :
Al-Kuran et al. :
Application No. 10/042,720 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: August 22, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 7174-134-999 :

This is a decision on the petition filed February 8, 2002, requesting that an application of Al-Kuran et al., entitled "MICROWAVE DC TO DC CONVERTER" (attorney docket No. 7174-134-999) be accorded a filing date of August 22, 2001. The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in responding to the present petition and any inconvenience caused to petitioners by this delay.

Petitioners allege that the original application papers were deposited in Express Mail service on August 22, 2001, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 37 CFR 1.10 and that the application is entitled to the date of deposit in Express Mail service as the filing date. In support, petitioners have supplied a copy of the original application papers showing the Express Mail label No. EL 501641256 US thereon and a copy of the Express Mail label No. EL 501641256 US showing a "date-in" of August 22, 2001. The petition included a statement that satisfactorily establishes that the copies of the correspondence supplied with the petition are true copies of the originally mailed correspondence.

The petition to accord the application a filing date of August 22, 2001, is granted.

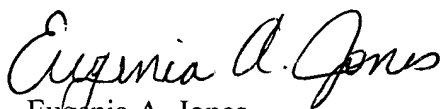
Since the original application papers cannot be located in the Office, the duplicate papers received February 8, 2002, will be used to process the application. The application has been assigned application No. 10/042,720.

Applicants should notify this office if the original papers are subsequently discovered in the Office so that the present duplicate file can be merged with the original papers and any duplicate filing fee refunded.

After mailing of this decision, the \$790.00 filing fee will be charged to counsel's deposit account No. 16-1150 as authorized in the petition.

Thereafter, the application will be forwarded to Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing with a filing date of August 22, 2001, using the copy of the application papers supplied on February 8, 2002.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5586.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eugenia A. Jones".

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